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Applicants: Robin Callan et al.

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated July 3, 2006, please extend the period of time for response one month, to expire on September 5, 2006 (September 3, 2006 being a Sunday followed by a holiday on Monday). Enclosed are a Petition for an Extension of Time and the requisite fee. Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. For ease of identification, deletions are indicated by strikethrough text (e.g. deleted text), and insertions are indicated by underlined text (e.g. inserted text).

Remarks begin on page 13 of this paper.